



Broadband Stimulus Grant Information

- **The American Reinvestment and Recovery Act appropriated \$7.2 billion for the Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) and the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) to expand broadband access and adoption in communities across the U.S., to increase jobs, spur investments in technology and infrastructure, and provide long-term economic benefits.**
- **RUS is making loans and grants for broadband infrastructure projects in rural areas via its Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP).**
- **NTIA is providing grants to fund comprehensive broadband infrastructure projects, public computer centers and sustainable broadband adoption projects via its Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP).**

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- **The Broadband Advisory Council created by R.S. 51:955.3**
- **Entity within the Governor's Office of Rural Development that serves to develop and implement a plan to increase broadband access and usage throughout the state.**

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Louisiana Broadband Advisory Council Members:

- The **governor** or his designee.
- The executive director of the governor's **Office of Rural Development** or his designee.
- The superintendent of the **Department of Education** or his designee.
- The **chief information officer** of the state.
- The **commissioner of higher education** or his designee.
- The **secretary of the Department of Economic Development** or his designee.

Other than members appointed pursuant to Subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this Paragraph who shall be appointed the presiding officer of their respective house of the legislature, the following members shall be appointed by the governor:

- One member from the **Louisiana Senate** who represents a rural area of the state.
- One member from the **Louisiana House of Representatives** who represents a rural area of the state.
- One member from the **Public Service Commission**.
- One member appointed from a list of three nominees submitted by the **Louisiana Municipal Association**.
- One member appointed from a list of three nominees submitted by the **Louisiana Policy Jury Association**.
- One member appointed from a list of three private sector individuals submitted by **electric utility companies** doing business within the state.

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Louisiana Broadband Advisory Council Members, continued:

- Three members who shall be private sector individuals representing **local telephone exchange** carriers. One such member shall be from a predominant incumbent local exchange carrier; one shall represent the Louisiana Telecommunications Association; and one shall represent a competitive local exchange carrier.
- Two members who shall be private sector individuals representing **satellite or wireless communications companies**.
- Two members who shall be private sector individuals representing **cable communications companies**.
- One member who shall be a private sector individual representing a carrier whose predominant business is **intrastate and/or interstate interexchange telecommunications services**.
- One member who shall be a private sector individual representing an **Internet service provider**.
- Three members who shall be private sector individuals representing businesses located in **rural areas that utilize advanced telecommunication and information services** or need such services to further develop their businesses.
- The appointed members of the council shall represent the geographic, gender, and racial diversity of the state. However, no more than nine of the appointed members of the council shall be affiliated with the following: local exchange telephone carriers, rural telephone cooperatives, broadband service providers, wireless or satellite communications carriers, and cable communications companies.

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- Phase I
 - 80 Million acquired through Senator Landreau's Office intended for "last mile"
- Phase II
 - "middle mile" Louisiana did not apply due to funds available from Phase I

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- **Phase III**
 - **Designated for Public Safety Broadband**
 - **FCC waiver submitted for review**
 - **Long Term Evolution (LTE) 4G equipment required, replaces legacy network data services**

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- **Phase III Goals**
 - **Provide statewide mobile broadband coverage for public safety**
 - **Provide high bandwidth microwave backhaul**
 - **Provide infrastructure including antennas, repeaters, and shelter upgrades**
 - **Provide 4G subscriber devices**

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